

# Want to Do Business With the State?

The State of California contracts out more than \$5 billion every year. We buy food, construction, transportation, consulting services...the list is almost endless, and so is the opportunity. And, *certified* small businesses receive a 5% bidding preference on qualifying contracts. What's more, State agencies are encouraged to buy from *certified* Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises whenever possible, so marketing yourself as a *certified* business can help you win state business.

## ...Get Certified!

Certification with the State of California gives your business the edge it needs to succeed and grow. Now that your business is certified, join us for a workshop to discover the advantages that certification offers.

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## To Learn More...

The California Department of Transportation will host an information-filled presentation by the SB/DVBE Services Branch.

**Where:** California Department of Transportation  
District 11 – Gallegos Room, Room 134  
4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110

**When:** Wednesday, February 11, 2009

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

## Reservations required!

Please call **619-220-7343** to register  
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